



École Springfield Elementary News



May



2023

We LOVE our **Bus Drivers** at Springfield School. On behalf of our students and staff we thank you for all that you do to transport our students safely each and every day!

Important Dates to Remember:

May 15th-
Kindergarten Planning Day

May 17th-
Jump Rope for Heart!
Matt's Pizza Hot Lunch
& School Council Meeting
6:30 pm Library / Online

May 22nd-
No School

May 24th-
DQ Hot Lunch

June 2 -
Sports Day



2023-2024 SCHOOL BUS REGISTRATION

School bus registration is now open for the 2023-2024 school year!

Parents need to register their students on the school bus if ANY of the following statements are true:

- My child is attending a different school than in 2022-2023 school year
- My child required a bus pass to ride the school bus in 2022-2023
- My child lives less than 2.4kms from their designated school
- My child had a childcare, shared custody or alternative bus stop in 2022-2023
- My child was attending a School of Choice in 2022-2023
- My child was using interschool bussing in 2022-2023
- My child has moved to a new home address for the 2023-2024 school year

The Peace River School Division is experiencing a shortage of bus drivers, therefore early registration is critical to ensure that bus routes are created to accommodate students needs.

SCHOOL BUS ELIGIBILITY HAS CHANGED FOR THE 2023-2024 SCHOOL YEAR

Eligible students are:

- Kindergarten to Grade 6 students who live 1km or greater from their designated school
- Grade 7 to 12 students who live 2kms or greater from their designated school

Students who do not meet these criteria are ineligible for free bussing. Students who wish to purchase a bus pass or use the interschool bus service (where available) will be accommodated on a first come, first served basis after all the eligible students have been added to bus routes.

Please register at [BusPlanner Web](#)

**Please ensure you're registering for the correct school year*

If you have any questions, please contact the Transportation office at 780-624-3006.
Monday to Friday 7:30am to 4:30pm.



Peace River School Division

Learning Together - Success for All

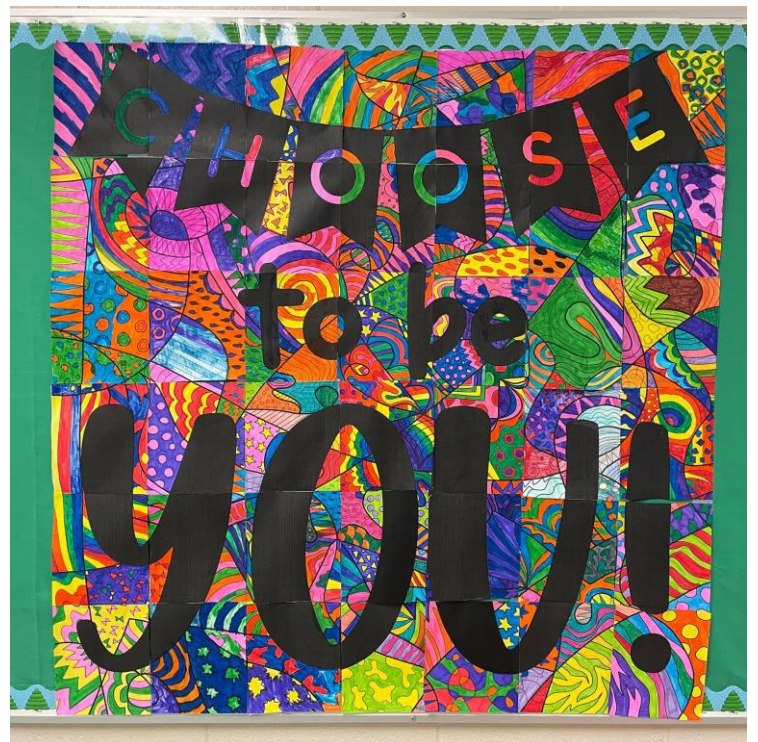


Thank you to the **Barkwell's, Mr. Rosin and Bob the Builder** for the amazing outdoor Garden Center!



Thank you to **Avenge** for putting smiles on all our faces!

Thank you to the **Barkwell's** for the outdoor Farmhouse Sink & Hutch!



Principal's Message

The month of May is always a busy month and it's more important than ever to reflect on how we look after our Mental Health and the Mental Health of our school community. This excerpt from the AHS [website](#) gives more information on the project.:



Mental Health Capacity Building (MHCB) works to promote positive mental health in children, youth and families in the communities where they live. The initiative is based on research and best practice that demonstrates that mental and emotional wellbeing can be developed, nurtured and supported through promotion and prevention efforts.

MHCB programming builds capacity of knowledge and skills, and bolsters protective factors in children and youth so they can achieve the best possible health outcomes across their lifespan.

Mrs. Shannon Sutherland, our school success coach for this project. She spends her time with classes doing universal programming building social skills, learning to identify signs in our bodies that we may need to regulate etc. She also does some targeted small groups that deal with loss and grief (Rainbows) and building resilience (GoZen). She works together with staff and families to help support those who may need some extra resources.

Gail McNabb
Principal,
École Springfield Elementary School





SUPERINTENDENT'S MESSAGE

Education Week &
Mental Health Awareness Week



**From May 1-5
all our schools
were busy
celebrating
Education Week
and Mental
Health
Awareness
Week.**

Valuable conversations and activities were held to discuss the importance of mental health, and students also participated in engaging learning opportunities that highlighted the impact of education in their lives.

All schools throughout the division showed their support in raising awareness for positive mental health by participating in 'Hats on for Mental Health' day. This initiative encourages individuals to wear hats to reduce the stigma surrounding mental health and allows for more conversations to be had about mental health and the supports that are available.

The Peace River School Division is passionate about achieving student success and we continually use our Three-Year Education plan as a vehicle to drive our efforts. Our first two goals ensure our students receive outstanding teaching and learning in the areas of Literacy and Numeracy, but I want to take some time to highlight our division's third goal: All students are successful through inclusionary practices and engaging culture.

This inclusionary goal is further divided into multiple educational outcomes, which include, "We believe in the importance that our students are meeting high expectations in learner outcomes that reflect their individual academic needs and interests," and also, "We understand that our students' physical and social emotional wellness needs and interests are met and their academic engagement is increased by ensuring they are learning in a safe and caring environment that celebrates diversity."



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As you can see our third goal does an excellent job at intertwining education and mental health together for our students within the Division.

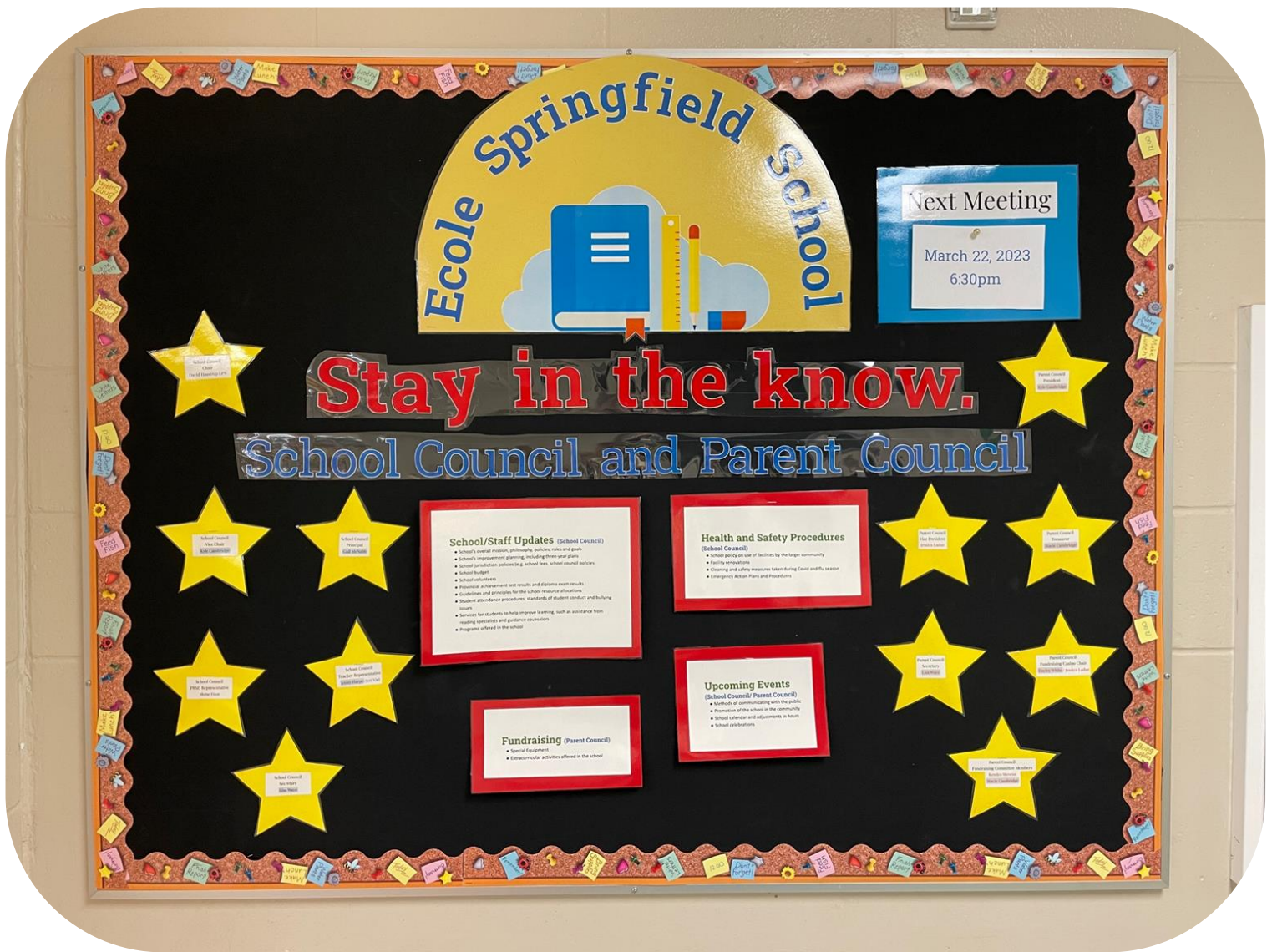
To achieve these outcomes, PRSD continues to support and implement Wrap Around Services which include trained Social Workers, Project Peace Workers, and Youth Enhancement Support Workers to all divisional students. The school division also meets our student learner outcomes by providing a Collaborative Response to education that ensures we accurately assess where students are at in their learning journey. We also provide targeted instruction in the areas of Literacy and Numeracy to ensure students continue to learn and be successful.

Thank you to students, parents, staff, community members and organizations for your support - the work you do makes a difference, and we appreciate you.

Sincerely,

Adam Murray,
Superintendent of Schools





DID YOU KNOW?

SHELTER IN PLACE:

Used when personal safety is considered to be in danger if anyone leaves the building. This is mainly used for environmental, weather-related events, or wildlife risks. It can also be used in case of a system failure i.e. a Chemical Release. Everyone must remain in the building and may or may not be able to move freely within the building (instruction may continue); all exterior doors and windows should be closed and locked, and the exterior doors should be monitored to ensure no one leaves the building until local/school authorities advise that conditions are safe.

BECOME A BUS DRIVER TODAY!

Due to a bus driver shortage, PRSD is facing the possibility of having to cancel various routes within the division

Benefits of Becoming a Bus Driver:

- All Holidays & Summers Off
- No Childcare Costs
- All Training Paid & Provided by PRSD
- Immediate Employment
- Extended Health Benefits & Health Spending Account

If you or someone you know may be interested in driving a school bus, please contact:

Merlin Lee at:
780-624-3006 ext. 11104
LeeMer@prsd.ab.ca



Springfield's Project PEACE Success Coach

Hello Springfield student care givers,

May 1st- May 7th was mental health awareness week and there will be awareness events continuing throughout the Month of May.

Over the past 2 weeks students have participated in classes watching videos about Mental Health and participating in activities to promote awareness. All students in attendance will be entered into a draw to win 1 of 3 gift baskets. Draw will be made during assembly on Thurs. May 11th.

You can click on the link below to follow Project Peace on Facebook. All Project Peace summer programming will be posted on the facebook page.

<https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=100030003983644>

Follow Project Peace on Facebook to see the details for free of charge summer programming for students that will be facilitated in June and July. Activities and Events will be held in Peace River and Grimshaw and surrounding areas weekdays & evenings this summer.

If you have any questions or concerns regarding your child's social emotional development and well being please feel free to contact me.

Success Coach
Shannon Sutherland
780-624-2143 ext. 14151



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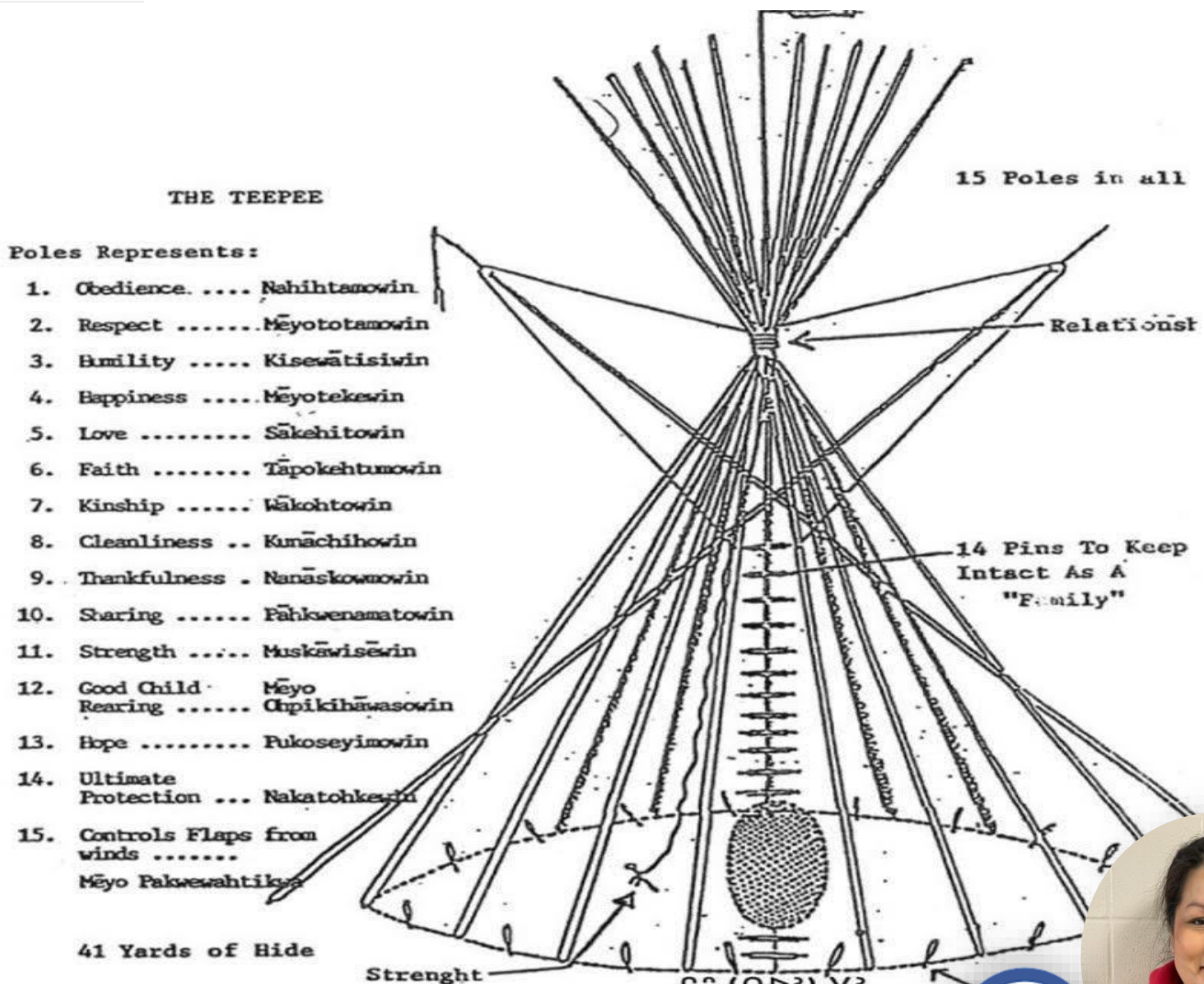
First Nations, Metis, Inuit



On May 31, we will have two elders coming into the school to set up our school Tipi. Each class will be given the opportunity to go and sit with our two elders and listen about the Tipi Teachings!

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 Teepee

A tipi (also tepee or teepee) is a cone-shaped tent, traditionally made of animal skins upon wooden poles.



May 2023



SPRINGFIELD SCHOOL

GRADE 4

BIKE ROAD-E-O!



Tuesday, May 30th 2023

9:30am

Bring your bike or scooter and helmet to school to learn all about helmet, bike and road safety!

*Please note—if you do not wear a helmet, you will not be allowed to ride through the bike course. Students who do not bring a bike or scooter will be able to participate in the event by walking through the stations. In the event of rain, safety talks will still occur in classrooms at the scheduled time.





Springfield School
Office #
780.624.2143

May 2023 Calendar

Sun	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Sat
	1	2	3 Hats on For Mental Health Hot lunch Day- Matt's Pizza	4 Star Wars Day	5 Wear Green For Mental Health	6
7	8	9	10 Jump Rope for Heart Day Hot lunch Day- A&W	11	12 No School- PD Day	13
14 Mother's Day	15 Kindergarten Planning Day - No school	16	17 Hot lunch Day- Matt's Pizza School Council Meeting 6:30 pm- In library	18	19	20
21	22 No School	23	24 Hot lunch Day- Dairy Queen	25	26	27
28	29	30	31 Hot lunch Day- KFC			

Check out this website with storytelling, maps and the Indigenous ways of life!

https://www.glenbow.org/blackfoot/EN/html/how_we_lived_with_other_first_nations.htm



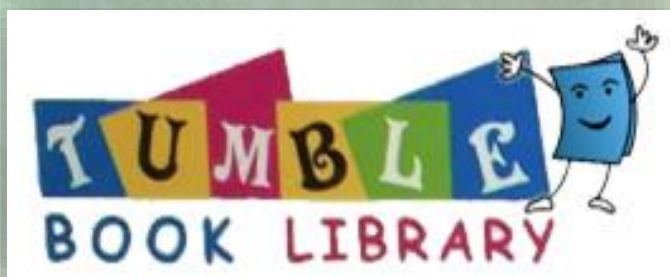
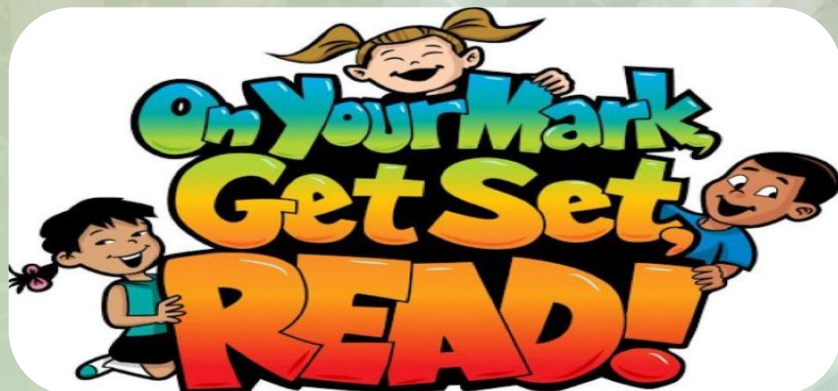
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June 2023 Calendar

Sun	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Sat
				1	2 Sports Day!	3
4	5 *Alternate Sports Day (if cancelled Friday due to weather)	6	7 Kindergarten Teddy Bear Picnic	8	9 Wacky Hair Day	10
11	12 Kennedy Thorp Assembly 8:55am	13 Entrepreneur Day	14	15 Kindergarten Last Day	16 Kindergarten Celebration	17
18 Father's Day!	19	20	21 Indigenous Day (Orange Shirt Day)	22	23	24
25	26	27 Last Day of School for Students!	28	29	30	
Enjoy your summer Holiday! See you back on Sept 5th!						



FREE READING RESOURCES



www.tumblebooklibrary.com

Username: springfieldAB

Password: books

--French & English--

Check out their Brand New app
on AppStore or Google Play



eBooks - PRSD

Digital Library - call

and ask for your child's
email address



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